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Hypocrisy In Canada Summer Jobs Grants Between Religious Groups

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Employer Attestation

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12.1 The Employer attests that:

I have read, understood and will comply with the Canada Summer Jobs Articles of

Agreement;
I have all the necessary authorities, permissions and approvals to submit this application on behalf of myself and my organization;
The job would not be created without the financial assistance provided under a potential contribution agreement;
Any funding under the Canada Summer Jobs program **will not be used to undermine or restrict the exercise of rights legally protected in Canada.**

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Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) - Articles of Agreement

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Articles of Agreement

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Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Employment and Social Development (hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

And

The employer identified as the "legal name of the organization" on the attached document titled "Canada Summer Jobs - application/agreement"

Ineligible projects and job activities:
Projects consisting of activities that take place outside of Canada;
Activities that contribute to the provision of a personal service to the employer;
Partisan political activities;
Fundraising activities to cover salary costs for the youth participant; or
Projects or job activities that:
restrict access to programs, services, or employment, or otherwise discriminate, contrary to applicable laws, on the basis of prohibited grounds, including sex, genetic characteristics, ***religion,*** race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability, ***sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression;***

advocate intolerance, discrimination and/or prejudice; or
actively ***work to undermine or restrict a woman's access to sexual and reproductive health services.***

Please note the following definitions:
As per section 2.1 of the Canada Summer Jobs Articles of Agreement, "project" means the hiring, administration of, job activities, and organization's activities as described in the Application Agreement.
To "advocate" means to promote, foster, or actively support intolerance, discrimination, and/or prejudice.
To "undermine or restrict" means to ***weaken or limit a woman's ability to access sexual and reproductive health services. The Government of Canada defines sexual and reproductive health services as including comprehensive sexuality education, family planning, prevention and response to sexual and gender-based violence, safe and legal abortion, and post-abortion care.***

The way this is worded, it could be interpreted to mean that even expressing views which are pro-life or critical of SOGI agenda could be seen as threatening.

Of course, the overwhelming majority of charities, non-profits, and businesses have absolutely nothing to do with abortion of the gender agenda.

Nonetheless, since the Government of Canada has insisted on this, at least it will be uniformly enforced throughout all of the groups applying for summer grants, right?

Not really.

Double Standard For Christian & Islamic Groups

From the National Post article:

Youth for Christ's chapters across Canada **have used the grants for years to fund more than 100 student jobs annually. Toronto City Mission, which runs day camps in impoverished neighbourhoods, received $70,000 last year for 16 positions.**

> **Winnipeg's Centerpoint Church has used the grants for 24 years to hire two summer students; Mill Bay Baptist Church on Vancouver Island used a grant last year to hire a First Nations student.** All have seen their applications sent back this year **over the attestation.**

Your project may have nothing to do with gender or abortion, but if you won't sign those forms, prepare to have your grant request denied. However, "values" seem to be pretty flexible, depending on the group.

From the Daily Caller article:

> The ***Trudeau government won't allow pro-life groups*** to access the Canada Summer Jobs program without violating their principles, but it is **funding an Islamic group with a cleric who was a keynote speaker at the anti-Israel al-Quds** day rally in Toronto.

> As the Toronto Sun reports, the federal government gave the thumbs-up to the Islamic Humanitarian Service (IHS) based in Kitchener, Ont., ***to hire summer students with taxpayer money.*** (RELATED: Trudeau Government Cuts Off Pro-Life And Faith Groups From Jobs Funding)

Yes, you are reading that correctly. The Trudeau Government refused pro-life groups access to the Summer Jobs Program because of their beliefs, even if they were unrelated to the job. Yet it was okay to fund Al Quds, an Islamic, anti-Semitic group, which openly calls for violence against Israel.

It would take some serious mental gymnastics to not see moral inconsistency here. However, it appears to be about politics, not principles.

Canadian Charter & Human Rights Code

> Fundamental freedoms
> 2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:
> (a) **freedom of conscience and religion;**
> (b) **freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the**

press and other media of communication;
(c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and
(d) freedom of association.

These demands quite clearly violate both 2(a) and 2(b) of the Canadian Charter. The specific religion is irrelevant, but these groups were clearly targeted because of their views. The double standard with Islamic groups makes it more absurd, but is not necessary.

From the Canadian Human Rights Code:

Prohibited grounds of discrimination
3 (1) For all purposes of this Act, the prohibited grounds of discrimination are race, national or ethnic origin, colour, **religion,** age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, family status, genetic characteristics, disability and conviction for an offence for which a pardon has been granted or in respect of which a record suspension has been ordered.

Discriminatory policy or practice
10 It is a discriminatory practice for an **employer, employee organization or employer organization**
(a) to **establish or pursue a policy or practice**, or
(b) to enter into an **agreement affecting recruitment, referral, hiring, promotion, training, apprenticeship, transfer or any other matter relating to employment or prospective employment,**
that deprives or tends to deprive an individual or class of individuals of any employment opportunities on a prohibited ground of discrimination.

Section 3 very clearly lists religion as a protected group.

And consider this: if the Government is awarding contracts, is the Government not the employer in this case?

Some Interesting Cases

R. v. Lewis, 1996 CanLII 3559 (BC SC) ruled that protesting abortion within a certain "protected area" was an offence, not shielded by freedom of religion. Not really related to the above, but still an interesting read.

BCM International, asking the Federal Court for a review of the decision to turn down a grant. The Attestation is cited as the reason. (Case: T-917-19)

BCM International, asking for another review, on essentially the same grounds (Case: T-918-19)

An article on a pending challenge.

Other Double Standards In Free Speech

In Toronto a Christian Preacher is arrested for disturbing the peace in the Gay Village. However, Muslims condemning gays and Israel is apparently okay.

In the UK as well, a Christian Preacher can be arrested even for behaving peacefully. Yet, Muslims are allowed to preach intolerance openly.

The Canada Summer Jobs Program discriminates against those who object to being forced to sign onto a political agenda, when it has no relevance to their cause. It has overwhelmingly effected religious groups. While this may seem trivial, it is understandable to object to "bending the knee".

If abortion and gender are not related to the work that a group is doing, then there is no reason to bring it up. This is just virtue signalling.

There is a double standard with how Christians are treated with how Muslims are treated. The former must cow-tow, while the latter's views are "more understood".

(1) https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/screening-eligibility.html

(2) https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs/agreement.html

(3) https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/groups-scramble-for-replacement-funding-after-dissenting-on-canada-summer-jobs-abortion-attestation

(4) https://dailycaller.com/2018/06/18/canada-summer-jobs-program-radical-cleric/

(5) https://globalnews.ca/news/4277082/canada-summer-job-grant-islamic-group-peter-braid/

(6) https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/const/page-15.html

(7) https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/h-6/

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